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To authorize the presentation of a United States flag at the funeral of Federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a Federal employee.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2011

Mr. HANNA (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR, and Mr. BARTLETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civilian Service Rec-
5 ognition Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG ON BE-**
2 **HALF OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**
3 **KILLED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DU-**
4 **TIES OR BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS AS A**
5 **FEDERAL EMPLOYEE.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION REQUIRED.—Upon receipt of a
7 request under subsection (b), the head of an executive
8 agency shall furnish a flag of the United States to drape
9 the casket of an individual who—

10 (1) was an employee of the agency; and

11 (2) was killed while performing official duties or
12 because of the individual's status as a Federal em-
13 ployee.

14 (b) REQUEST FOR FLAG.—The head of an executive
15 agency shall furnish a flag for a deceased employee de-
16 scribed in subsection (a) upon the request of—

17 (1) the employee's next of kin; or

18 (2) if no request is received from the next of
19 kin, a close friend or associate of the employee as
20 determined by the head of the executive agency.

21 (c) MANNER OF PRESENTATION AND CEREMONY.—
22 A flag shall be furnished and presented under this section
23 in the same manner as a flag is furnished and presented
24 on behalf of a deceased member of the Armed Services
25 who dies while on active duty. At the request of the indi-
26 vidual who requested the flag under subsection (b), the

1 head of the executive agency furnishing the flag under
2 subsection (a) shall provide for the presentation of the flag
3 to the individual following the use of the flag to drape
4 the casket of the deceased employee.

5 (d) LIMITATION ON FLAGS PROVIDED.—If a flag fur-
6 nished under subsection (a) is presented to an individual
7 described in subsection (b)(2), no flag shall be subse-
8 quently presented to any other individual under this sec-
9 tion on account of the death of the same employee.

10 (e) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The head of an ex-
11 ecutive agency may disclose information necessary to show
12 that a deceased individual is an employee described in sub-
13 section (a) to the extent that such information is not clas-
14 sified and to the extent that such disclosure does not en-
15 danger the national security of the United States.

16 (f) EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION OF FLAG CEREMONY
17 BENEFIT.—The head of an executive agency shall provide
18 appropriate notice to employees of the agency of the flag
19 ceremony benefit provided for under this section.

20 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” has the
22 meaning given that term in section 2105 of title 5,
23 United States Code, and includes employees of and
24 donors of volunteer services to temporary organiza-
25 tions under section 3161 of such title.

1 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
2 agency” has the meaning given that term in section
3 501 of title 5, United States Code.

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